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BALL CLUBS READY TO INVADE SOUTH

Roosevelt Says It's Fine to Be Champion But Just as Good to Be Second

MAN WHO TRIES BUT LOSES IS A WINNER AFTER ALL, EX-PRESIDENT BELIEVES

Never Quit Spirit Will Win for American Team in Olympic Meet at Stockholm, Says Colonel in Discussing Athletics and Their Effect on American Race.

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Roosevelt COLUMN



IN all the country to-day there is probably no busier man than Theodore Roosevelt. Yet Mr. Roosevelt has time to keep up his interest in athletic sports.

When he was President Mr. Roosevelt was honorary head of the American Olympic Committee, and he took an active part in all the arrangements for sending to us of American athletes to Athens and to London.

To-day he is just as much interested in the athletes who will soon be crossing the sea to compete against the world in the Olympic meet at Stockholm.

Busy man as he is, he has found time to talk over his favorite topic with various members of the American Olympic Committee. The ideas that he has expressed are worth the attention of all who follow either amateur or professional sport.

"Of course," said Mr. Roosevelt a couple of days ago, "it's a fine thing for us to have the champions of the world on our team and to see them win great events and break athletic records, but for my part I am inclined to give just as much credit to those who go and do their best and don't win.

"Satisfaction Even in Losing Sometimes, Says Roosevelt. "Winning isn't everything. When I was a boy at Harvard I entered the boxing competitions. I never was a great boxer, but I liked boxing. I worked hard and did my best every time I started. I fought my way through the preliminary bouts all right, but in the finals I always met some fellow who was a little too good for me. I never felt sorry that I had tried. There was some satisfaction in knowing that I had gone at it like a man and had done my best; and that I could do better than some of the fellows even if some other fellow did beat me. The man who works hard for what he gets is the man who is benefited. I learned how to work hard and I've gained a little ever since my college days and it has done me a world of good.

"It's a fine thing to be a champion, but it's just as good to be a runner-up. Take the case of a youngster who tries for a college team. He goes out and puts his heart into the training because he hopes to win points for his college. It isn't just a selfish motive that drives him along. He makes the best test comes and he wears his college colors in a competition it's a fine thing if he can even go out and win a fourth or fifth place—beat somebody.

Athletic Ability Counts in an Emergency, Declares the Colonel. "It's a fine thing for the boy to feel that he has become an athlete, even if he isn't a brilliant champion. If he has trained for distance running he has gained something even if he doesn't become a record breaker. He can run five or ten miles much better than an untrained man. Nobody can tell when his training will come in good. It is always in the unexpected emergency that athletic ability counts, whether it is in boxing or wrestling or running or something else.

"Suppose he can go into a ten or twenty mile race and beat half of the men entered. The man who can do that is the fellow who gets the benefit of athletics. In any out-of-the-way place—down in Africa, for instance—it might be a very good thing to be able to run ten miles well or to run a hundred yards well.

"If I went to Stockholm and saw our boys coming in over the finish line I'd cheer just as much for the fellow who comes in second or third or fourth as for the winner. Usually it is the 'place man' who had to work hardest in preparation, and the man who sets his teeth and goes in to fight it out to the last inch and do the best he can is the backbone of the American nation. It's the trying that makes a man, not only success. What we want to send over to those Olympic games is a team of men full of the fighting, never-quit spirit. Then we'll win; and, better than that, we'll turn out a race of men."

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New Football Rules Are Analyzed by Bill Edwards for The Evening World

Former Princeton Star Predicts New Changes Mean Return of Rushing Game.

"BILL EDWARDS" still maintains as lively an interest in football as any one in New York, notwithstanding his arduous duties as chief cleaner of our streets. It took him several days to find time enough to digest the changes in the football rules that were decided upon last week, but he finally succeeded in doing this, and to-day, before his departure for Princeton, where he will speak on the subject, he gave "The Evening World" a statement of what he believes of them.

In many respects, Commissioner Edwards believes, the changes will work to the advantage of the sport, but at the same time he expresses the fear that there may be a too sharp return to the old line smothering game, with its attendant dangers. The former inability of equally matched teams to score has been somewhat eliminated, he believes, but he sees in the new style an offense as topheavy as was the defense under last year's rules.

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STRONG ELEVEN WILL TRY RUSHING GAME. "There is no doubt that the changes in the rules mean a spirit toward returning to the rushing game. The extra down will make first down possible more often and there will be a watering of the line by the superior of the two contesting teams and a bombardment of the goal by long forward passes by the inferior team. What will save the game possibly will be the fact that no one is allowed to help the man running with the ball except as an 'interferer'.

"Another question suggested by the new rules is: Will the fact that the goal posts will be placed ten yards inside of the field of play give rise to the possibility of more injuries? 'I am very glad to see the position of field judge done away with. In a contest between twenty-two young men it seems unnecessary to have three officials on the field of play.

"The new rules allow a forward pass to be thrown anywhere upon the field and across the goal line for a distance of ten yards and a score. To get a proper defense for the forward pass, the rush line must be left alone as a scrimmage defense. Weakening your rush line you again diminish its responsibility by giving to the offense

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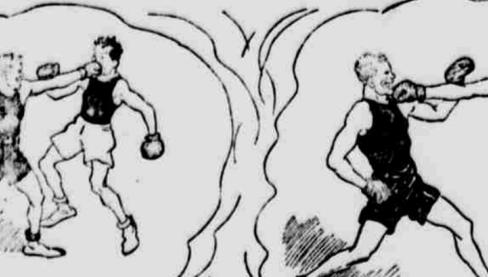
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Victory To-Day Will Give Brown Billiard Honors

Four-Handed Tie in 18.2 Balk-line Championship if Mayer Proves Winner.

ADMIRERS of billiards in Greater New York are greatly interested in the game to-day at the Hamilton Club of Brooklyn between Morris D. Brown and Joseph Mayer, the champion of Philadelphia, which will be the final one in the national amateur tournament.

Beginning on Monday afternoon, the matches in the international amateur championships at 18.2 balkline billiards will be played at the Liederkreis Club. Six competitors will engage in these contests, with Edouard Houllier, the champion of France, opening the tournament.

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N. Y. U. Five Defeated, Syracuse Rallies in Last Three Minutes, Scoring 13 Points in That Time.

Syracuse rallied in the last three minutes of play and scoring 13 points, its Syracuse basketball team defeated New York University on the University Heights Court, 22 to 21.

CHARLES DICKENS FESTIVAL. A tribute to the memory of the great writer, CHARLES DICKENS, APRIL 12. MR. MORIMER KAPHAN. In His Honor, CHARLES DICKENS, CHARACTERS BY EDWARD DICKENS, CHARACTERS BY EDWARD DICKENS, CHARACTERS BY EDWARD DICKENS.

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